

**MINUTES
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

6:00 pm McCloskey Room, City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street

Roll Call:

Members Present: Cynthia Shultz, Paul Schneller, Matt Laherty, Andrew Davis, Bill Brown, George Huntington

Regrets: Melissa Clark, Jim Sherman, Toby Strout, Dave Rollo, Dan Killion

Staff Present: Adam Wason, Jeff Holabaugh

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

Public Comment

No public to comment.

Announcements

Cynthia informed the commission of Steve Volan's interest in helping with future STAR processes and "college driven metro areas." Cynthia will continue to chair STAR committee. Cynthia has accepted an offer to participate in a senior capstone course in marketing at Kelley School during the spring semester.

George discussed Bloomingfoods' receipt of an APE grant totaling \$16,000 for solar cells to be placed on the near west side location. Cynthia encouraged Bloomingfoods to reach out to Ted Mendoza for support in this process.

Bill discussed the recent "Greening of the IU Memorial Union" charette and the planning of a sustainability themed semester for Fall 2010. Bill hopes to partner IU and the City in the development and promotion of events.

Adam mentioned the closing of the posting of Sustainability Coordinator position at the City on 12/15/09. The Commission discussed the relationship between the Coordinator and the Commission and will continue in an advisory role to the Coordinator.

Approval of Minutes

No quorum for approval of minutes.

Committee Reports

Andy reported that the transportation committee will attempt to meet with the representatives from the EC in January. Bill feels there is an opportunity for BCOS to interact with all the working groups at IU Sustainability Office. Paul expressed an

interest in representing BCOS to the Academic working group. The commission feels that coordination between the City and University is important.

Matt mentioned that the water committee is meeting with a city representative to discuss monitoring peak load at water plant. Cynthia informed the commission that the green building commission has set a home tour date for April 18th.

Cynthia proposed a thematic approach for BCOS to promote to the community through lectures, workshops, etc. Bill also mentioned an “e-Waste Day” scheduled in April. Cynthia asked that the commission pass along ideas for possible “themes” by the end of the year.

Committee to Slate Officers for 2010

George is interested in stepping down as Vice-Chair and Matt is interested in taking on that role. Cynthia is interested in retaining Chair position.

Sustainable Development Incentive Discussion

Adam informed the commission that the Mayor has directed City staff to look at Peak Oil Task Force report and to look for opportunities for the City to address recommendations. Several members showed interest in contacting City staff for feedback on STAR and Peak Oil recommendations.

Adjournement

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.